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Art Unit	3726
Examiner Name	J. E. Cozart
Attorney Docket No.	30051/32015

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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- ii. ☐ Other _____
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- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iv. ☐ Other _____
2. **Miscellaneous**
- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
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3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
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- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 1,190.00 enclosed
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c)

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Dear Sir:

This Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c) is in response to the Office Action
mailed on December 29, 2003.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on
page 2 of this Amendment.

The **Remarks** section begins on page 5 of this Amendment.